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SUBJECT: PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. SEES HIS MISSION
ENDED

1. IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO
HIS DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON ON APRIL 27, PANAMANIAN
AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. GABRIEL LEWIS TOLD A REPORTER:
"...I BELIEVE THAT WITH THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES FOR
THE TREATY RATIFICATION, MY MISSION IN THE UNITED STATES
WILL HAVE ENDED."

2. HE SAID THIS AFTER DESCRIBING THE REASON FOR HIS
RETURN TO THE U.S. AS PARTICIPATION IN A MEETING
APRIL 28 WITH U.S. OFFICIALS INCLUDING AMBASSADOR
JORDEN TO "COORDINATE THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR THE
EXCHANGE OF NOTES FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE
TREATIES." LEWIS SAID HE WOULD ALSO DISCUSS
PRESIDENT CARTER'S POSSIBLE TRIP TO PANAMA.

3. AFTER PAYING TRIBUTE TO GENERAL TORRIJOS FOR LEADER-
SHIP IN THE TREATY PROCESS, LEWIS SAID: "AS FAR
AS I AM CONCERNED, I FEEL THAT I HAVE SERVED PANAMA
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WITH DIGNITY AND MY FRIEND (TORRIJOS) WITH LOYALTY."

4. IN REPLY TO A SECOND QUESTION ABOUT FURTHER
CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION FOR
THE TREATIES, LEWIS SAID: "...THE BROOKE RESERVATION
SET A DEADLINE OF 31 MARCH 1979 FOR THE TREATY
TO BECOME EFFECTIVE...WE KNOW THAT IT WILL NOT GO

BEYOND THAT DATE AND I DO NOT BELIEVE IT WILL
OCCUR BEFORE THEN BECAUSE THE U.S. SENATE HAS
A BACKLOG OF WORK AS A RESULT OF THE DELAY CAUSED
BY THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY. I BELIEVE THE PROCESS
WILL BE SLOW. BUT I REPEAT IT SHOULD NOT WORRY
US BECAUSE THE IMPLEMENTATION IS OBLIGATORY."

5. FULL TEXT OF TV ITEM FBIS/PANAMA PA 280316Y.
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